(b) Gold/Gold ornaments which are ordered to be released on payment of redemption fine and personal penalty are released after verifying payments of redemption fine and personal penalty. Absolutely confiscated gold/gold ornaments are deposited in the India Government Mint after conclusion of the final proceedings.

(c) No Committee was appointed to suggest amendments to the Gold Control Act specifically to check gold smuggling into the country. However a Working Group was appointed to study the Working of the Gold Control Machinery and another Group was appointed to study the Gold policy of the Government.

(d) and (e) Reports of these two Working Groups have been received and are being examined.

Visit abroad by the Committee on Official Language

1106. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on Official Language had planned to visit abroad recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee members were to visit different Embassies of Indian Government in several European and American countries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the visit of this Committee has been postponed; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The Committee of Parliament on Official Language is currently engaged on preparation of Part IV of its report on the use of Hindi in the working of Central Government offices etc. In this context the Committee proposed that members of its three sub-Committees should visit selected countries in Asia, Europe and America (every sub-Committee to visit 5 countries) in order to assess the use of Hindi in the Embassies and other Central Government offices located there and to get an idea of the difficulties, faced by them in the progressive use of Hindi in relevant areas. However, the Government decided to postpone these tours for the time being.

Stoppage of disbursement of assistance received from World Bank for the Sardar Sarover Project

1107. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is not satisfied with the rehabilitation programme undertaken for the oustees of the Sardar Sarovar Project and also about its implementation and has advised Government to stop disbursement of World Bank assistance; if so, what are the reasons assigned by the Bank; and

(b) whether the Bank has also written to the Government of India and State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat on the subject and if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir. In view of the overall performance of the implementing agencies and the resolution of the outstanding issues related to Sardar Sarovar Project including those concerning rehabilitation and